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PRESIDENT OF GHANA MANUFACTURERS ASSN.

1. EXECUTIVE V.P. ALFRED CAISIE OF GHANA MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION (GMA) ON VISIT TO NEW YORK FEW WEEKS AGO RECEIVED INVITATION TO SUBJECT WORKSHOP, WHICH HE SUGGESTED BETTER BE ADDRESSED TO GMA PRESIDENT, MRS. ESTHER OCLOO, WHO IS ALSO PRESIDENT OF NKULENU INDUSTRIES, A LEADING GHANAIAAN FOOD PROCESSOR. GAISIE GAINED IMPRESSION FROM PANAF THAT GMA OFFICER HAD SIMPLY TO PRESENT INVITATION TO EMBASSY AND TRAVEL FUNDS WOULD BE FORTHCOMING.

2. MRSM OCLOO HAS RECEIVED FORMAL INVITATION TO ATLANTA WORKSHOP AND HS REQUESTED THE TRAVEL FUNDS. ONLY PURPOSE HER VISIT WOULD BE TO GIVE SPEECH AND OTHERWISE PARTICIPATE IN WORKSHOP, AND HER POPOSED STAY IN U.S. WOULD BE ONLY A FEW DAYS.

3. EMBASSY HAS INFORMED GMA THAT PANAF NOT A USG ENTITY AND THAT, UNFORTUNATELY, NO TRAVEL FUNDS AVAILABLE IN ACCRA BUDGET.

4. MATTER IS CAUSE OF EMBARRASSMENT TO EMBASSY. THIS COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED IF WORKSHOP ORGANIZERS HAD NOT LEFT IMPRESSION WITH POTENTIAL PARTICIPANTS THAT USG TRAVEL FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THE ASKING.

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